

1. A method for constructing a conic peak-point curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

(vi) selecting a start point, a_0 ;

(vii) selecting an end point, a_1 ;

5 (viii) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ;

(ix) selecting an end tangent direction, e_1 ; and

(x) selecting a distance of a peak point, p from the chord between the start and end points where the peak point is a point on the curve that is farthest away from the chord lying on a centerline segment connecting the center of the chord with a
10 intersection point t of rays extending in the start and end tangent directions e_0 , e_1 respectively from the start and end points a_0 , a_1 .

2. A method for constructing a conic point-point curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

(v) selecting a start point, a_0 ;

15 (vi) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ; and

(vii) selecting a peak point, p , whereupon

the computer system displays a guide area for locating possible end points loci defined by two rays intersecting at a point s that lies on one of the two rays that extends from the start point a_0 in the direction of the peak point p at twice (2X) the distance of the peak point p
20 from the start point a_0 , the remaining ray extending from s in a direction opposite to the start tangent direction e_0 ,

(viii) selecting any point in the guide area as an end point a_1 of the curve, whereupon the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae then constructs a curve passing through the start point, a_0 , peak point, p , and the end point a_1 , where the end tangent

direction e_1 is derived from a point of intersection of start and end tangents that coincides with the intersection of start tangent and a centerline extending through the center of a chord between the start and end points a_0 , a_1 , and through the peak point, p .

- 5 3. A method for constructing of a conic point-tangent curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

- (vi) selecting a start point, a_0 ;
- (vii) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ;
- (viii) selecting an end point, a_1 ;
- (ix) selecting an end tangent direction, e_1 ; and

- 10 (x) selecting a fixed weight, w for the curve, whereupon

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, then constructs a curve passing through the start point, a_0 , and the end point a_1 , where the input weight w is a parameter defined as a proportion between a distance of a peak point p from a center point q of a chord between the start and end points a_0 , a_1 and a distance of the peak point p from an
15 intersection point t of the start and end tangents.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the selected fixed weight is a fixed cos-weight v , an arbitrarily defined positive parameter that utilizes a multiplication factor such as a trigonometric cosine relationship for computing a weight that limits a permitted range of peak points of the possible curves.

5. A method for constructing a conic point curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

(v) selecting a start point, a_0 ;

(vi) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ; and

(vii) selecting an end point, a_1 , and

5 (viii) selecting a fixed weight, w , for the curve, whereupon

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, then constructs a curve passing through the start point, a_0 , and the end point a_1 , where an end tangent direction e_1 is automatically set by selected pre-defined program parameters.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the selected fixed weight is a fixed cos-weight v , an
10 arbitrarily defined positive parameter that utilizes a multiplication factor such as a trigonometric cosine relationship for computing a weight that limits a permitted range of peak points of the possible curves.

7. A method for constructing a conic curvature curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

15 (vii) selecting a start point, a_0 ;

(viii) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ; whereupon

the computer displays a guideline perpendicular to the start tangent direction, e_0 for the center m_0 of the start curvature circle, r_0 ;

(ix) selecting a center m_0 of the start curvature circle r_0 on the displayed guideline; and

20 (x) selecting an end point a_1 ; and

(xi) selecting an end tangent direction, e_1 .

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, draws a conic curve through the start and end points a_0 , a_1 , with respective start and end tangent directions of e_0 , e_1 with the

center m_0 of the start curvature circle r_0 and the center m_1 for the end curvature circle r_1 which are automatically determined.

8. A method for constructing a class of point curvature curves including cubic Bezier curves and conics with a computer comprising the steps of:

- 5 (iv) selecting a start point, a_0 ;
 (v) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ; whereupon

the computer displays a guideline perpendicular to the start tangent direction, e_0 for the center m_0 of the start curvature circle r_0 ;

- (vi) selecting a center m_0 of the start curvature circle r_0 on the displayed guideline; and
10 (xii) selecting a end point a_1 ,

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, then constructs a curve passing through the start and end points a_0 , a_1 , with start tangent direction e_0 and center m_0 of the start curvature circle r_0 where an end tangent direction e_1 is automatically set by selected pre-defined program parameters.

- 15 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the constructed curve is a conic and a center m_1 of an end curvature circle r_1 are automatically determined.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the constructed curve is a cubic Bezier curve, and a center m_1 of the end curvature circle r_1 is set by a selected defined program parameter.

- 20 11. A method for constructing of a Bezier point-tangent curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

- (i) selecting a start point, a_0 ;
 (ii) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ;
 (iii) selecting an end point, a_1 ;

- (iv) selecting an end tangent direction, e_1 ; and
- (v) selecting a fixed weight, w for the curve, whereupon

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, then constructs a curve passing through the start point, a_0 , and the end point a_1 , and a peak point p calculated to lie on a centerline segment connecting a center point q of the chord between the start and end points a_0 , a_1 with an intersection point t of the start and end tangents, where the input weight w is a parameter defined as a proportion between a distance of a peak point p from the center point q of a chord and a distance of the peak point p from the intersection point t of the start and end tangents.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the selected fixed weight is a fixed cos-weight v , an arbitrarily defined positive parameter that utilizes a multiplication factor such as a trigonometric cosine relationship for computing a weight that limits a permitted range of peak points of the possible curves.

13. A method for constructing a Bezier point curve with a computer comprising the steps of:

- (ix) selecting a start point, a_0 ;
- (x) selecting a start tangent direction, e_0 ; and
- (xi) selecting an end point, a_1 , and
- (xii) selecting a fixed weight, w , for the curve, whereupon

the computer, using any suitable mathematical formulae, then constructs a curve passing through the start point, a_0 , and the end point a_1 , where an end tangent direction e_1 is automatically set by selected pre-defined program parameters.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the selected fixed weight is a fixed cos-weight v , an arbitrarily defined positive parameter that utilizes a multiplication factor such as a trigonometric cosine relationship for computing a weight that limits a permitted range of peak points of the possible curves.